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ROGER THE SCANNER GUY SAILS INTO RETIREMENT

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By edhat staff

The edhat staff and community are wishing Roger the Scanner Guy tons of love as he sails into a new chapter of life, retirement.

Last week Roger announced to the edhat staff that he is retiring to focus on a healthier lifestyle. We could not be more supportive of his choice as Roger will always be part of the edhat family.

For the past 11 years, Roger the Scanner Guy has been a frequent contributor reporting on everything from a fast-moving wildfire to a dog stuck in a storm drain. He would listen to local scanner traffic and was the first in the area to report on major occurrences. He also wrote a column three times a week, the "Scanner Reports," summarizing daily scanner traffic and regaled edhat readers with sometimes wild and heartwrenching stories from his past.

Roger has also been a strong advocate for the disenfranchised, lending his voice for those in the community that are less fortunate than others. He has a big heart and isn't afraid to get emotional with readers.

From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you Roger for all your contributions over the years. You helped readers become more actively engaged with one another and especially during scary fires, your reports most likely saved the lives of those who were in danger.

Show Roger some love in the comment section and thank him for the long-standing contribution he's made to our community.

What does this mean for edhat? Edhat has always been a community effort with readers and contributors and we'll continue doing that. We encourage our readers to continue reporting what they see and hear in their local area to keep everyone informed. If any reader is interested in contributing to edhat on a regular basis, email us at ed@edhat.com.

Additionally, we still have unisex Roger the Scanner Guy t-shirts available for a limited time only. These are limited edition and are selling out quickly so be sure to get yours now. **Shop online here**.

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VVORKER AUG 31, 2020 04:20 PM REPLY

Roger that Roger, may your voyage not be a Truman show, we all know what happened to him on that voyage to Fuji!!
Always best to head to shore after your perfect wave, so kudos to your paddle.
I hope the Ed hat can find another with time on there hands to follow in your footsteps...
May the AI bots of the future, reap in your data mines laid before this site!!
Godspeed Bearded wonder!!

WESTZYDE AUG 31, 2020 08:42 AM REPLY

Aw, man!! I'm going to miss you so much! Not sure what life would be like without you.
But enjoy your well-earned retirement. You made life in Santa Barbara so much better.

SNORKY AUG 31, 2020 08:46 AM REPLY

I do not think the staff could have stated the sentiment any better. Wishing you the best for your future. Be safe, be good (not that you have not been).
Thank you.

> **A-1598889145** AUG 31, 2020 08:52 AM REPLY
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> Well said.

NOSTRACHUMASH AUG 31, 2020 08:52 AM REPLY

Ok Edhat community..
Now is the time to come together & get Rogers autobiography printed.
This homeless vet pledges $50 towards his book.

A-1598889212 AUG 31, 2020 08:53 AM REPLY

Enjoy retirement! I'm hoping other edhat readers with scanners can jump in to help? I know there are a lot of ham-heads (ham radio fans) in the area.

CGINSB AUG 31, 2020 08:53 AM REPLY

I want to give Roger a big, long hug for his service to the EdHat community and the larger community. His reports have always been an important local news early notice system, but the stories of his life were what I'll remember. So simply, honestly, beautifully expressed, unvarnished, with real insight and feeling. I hope they will be compiled into a book. I wish Roger all the best - retirement well deserved. We love you!

A-1598889312 AUG 31, 2020 08:55 AM REPLY

Agree with commenters. Now that you're retired Roger you can write your book! I'm sure edhat would help publish it once completed.

COASTWATCH AUG 31, 2020 09:02 AM REPLY

Thanks for your service you cantankerous old bastard....!

SBDUDE AUG 31, 2020 09:10 AM REPLY

Roger, you've always seemed like a decent human being, and you've done a great service to your community. Well done, sir! Santa Barbara is indebted to you.

YELLOWFIN AUG 31, 2020 09:14 AM REPLY

A big thank you to Roger, for keeping us all up to date all this time, no matter what was happening. Whenever something weird happened, everyone would check Edhat for Roger's report. As CGINSB said, it's the stories of his life that really impressed me. People have been saying all along "you should write a book!" Well, he's already written it, day by day, week by week. Perhaps they could be compiled into a book. Enjoy your retirement Roger! I'm happy you get to be retired but sad to miss The Scanner Reports.

SBMH2015 AUG 31, 2020 09:22 AM REPLY

So, so bummed about this. 2020 strikes again. Absolutely happy for Roger and wish him the best. Upset for all of us as we won't know what is really going on in Santa Barbara

REX OF SB AUG 31, 2020 09:24 AM REPLY

While this is terrible news for the Edhat community, I completely understand where you're coming from. There comes a time after years of hard work when you just want to say screw it, sit down, put your feet up and watch TV. (Hey, it works for me). Enjoy retirement, Roger! We will truly miss your great columns.

JUSTAGUY AUG 31, 2020 09:25 AM REPLY

Nice work Roger.

ANDO43 AUG 31, 2020 09:33 AM REPLY

Thank you so much for always keeping us up to date on breaking news and informed. You are awesome and sure will be missed. Enjoy your time off you sure deserve it!

STARSB AUG 31, 2020 09:38 AM REPLY

Was Roger a paid employee ? If so will there be a replacement?
Honesty roger was the main reason why I kept checking edhat. Without him I don't know if we will get live breaking news how we did before.

> **EDHAT STAFF** AUG 31, 2020 09:44 AM REPLY
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> Yes we are looking for a permanent replacement. As a reminder, edhat is mostly driven by contributor content and we continue to encourage readers to send in their news reports as they've done for nearly 16 years.
> -edhat staff

TAZ AUG 31, 2020 09:50 AM REPLY

Bummer! Sad to hear this for us. But happy to hear it for you :) Thank you for the daily grind of listening to all those police reports - and also for living and expressing your true self to us. I agree with the so-well-expressed comments about the value your reporting and personal comments have meant. You've had a steady hand in reporting, a perspective that's been calming when people get riled up. And when you get agitated, your personal stories give context of life experience that has been missing for many of us. You've brought much value via a unique and powerful personal presence, and enriched the conscience of our community. Thank you. Happy Retirement :)

PITMIX AUG 31, 2020 09:50 AM REPLY

Will miss your unique perspective and use of words like scrap and chipper. In the future we will have to ask ourselves: WWRS? (what would roger say....)

SB1LOVE AUG 31, 2020 09:57 AM REPLY

Thank you Roger!!! Wishing you well and you will be greatly missed.

JAZZEE AUG 31, 2020 09:57 AM REPLY

You're family, Roger. I'll miss the scanner reports. But not as much as I'll miss you. Please keep writing.

HELENA AUG 31, 2020 10:00 AM REPLY

Just as we get to know and love and count on radio and television personalities, you've been a comforting, reliable presence in our community, Roger. You've kept us grounded and informed, and often reminded us of what's really important in the telling of your life tidbits. Thank you for what you have given us.

CGINSB AUG 31, 2020 10:00 AM REPLY

Ed, at the very least, can you pick out the Roger pieces that are his personal stories, and put them somewhere online where we can read them all? I know I missed a lot of them, but the ones I did read were better than most reading that I've done in my 60+ years. He's the real deal.

> **EDHAT STAFF** AUG 31, 2020 10:08 AM REPLY
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> All the past Scanner Reports are available here: https://www.edhat.com/news/category/scanner-reports

SACJON AUG 31, 2020 10:15 AM REPLY

Roger - thanks for all your reports and most of the time hilarious comments! We'll miss you a lot! Have a wonderful, relaxing retirement! I wish you all the best and good health! - Sacjon.

SAGEPUP AUG 31, 2020 10:22 AM REPLY

We are going to miss you Roger, Thank you for all your reporting and helping the community stay safe during the fires as well. I always look forward to your daily rants and up dates. Please pop in and say HI sometime to all of us, your local Santa Barbara Family. Stay Safe Brother.

HZ AUG 31, 2020 10:56 AM REPLY

wow..I had a sense that you might be stepping back, Roger. Ed Hat will not be the same without you. I wish you good health...hoping that you can now take time, free of the scanner...to take care of your body so that you can really enjoy a long and enjoyable retirement. Have fun checking out Sprouts. Perhaps you will pop on ed hat from time to time? I hope you get to travel some and that you continue to write. Thank you for all that you have done and your contributions to the greater Santa Barbara community.

> **ROGER** AUG 31, 2020 11:07 AM REPLY
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> I was planning to travel to Goleta when I find a decent vehicle, Thank You for all the comments I'm all teared up they are going to throw me out of the doctors office going in like this.....

SBSAND AUG 31, 2020 11:03 AM REPLY

Aww I'm so sad! Roger is what brought me to edhat and whenever something is going on I can count on him to report on it. I hope that there is another scanner person to help keep us informed !

And Roger, you're going to be missed a lot! I hope that you come visit on edhat and that we see you in the comments sections. Your stories remind me of my father, who passed away right when you started posting. He would have loved your posts so much! Take care and be well xoxo

OWLWORKS AUG 31, 2020 11:08 AM REPLY

OWL Works stands for Older and optimistic, Wiser and sharing it, and Laughing All the Way! Now is the time to do the last and backwards --laughing every day! Live, not retire--Live long and prosper even more after contributing your personal journey of wisdom help and solice to many. Downhill is fun and long as far as you have climbed-- Never retire-- just retrofit, get some rum or coke or both, recline, and see how many truly love you for no real reason except your courage to have a voice. Welcome to usowls.com. You'll be back....in so many ways.

JB86 AUG 31, 2020 11:30 AM REPLY

Buena Suerte, Rogelio!

JOHN WILEY AUG 31, 2020 11:56 AM REPLY

Fair winds, good health, and a long peaceful retirement Roger. Thank you for sacrificing so much, for so long, for so many. My guess is that your heroic and enriching contributions here may only be our little public window on a private life that has quietly done even more for everyone you have encountered. I hope you'll still chime in here when moved to, that you sail into this new phase of life knowing we have your back, and that you'll let us know if/how we can help.

NOTTHATBAD AUG 31, 2020 11:56 AM REPLY

Wow... this retirement is honestly up there with Jordan/Magic for me. Devastating.

Roger — you inspire me deeply and I'll mostly leave it at that. You showed up BIG TIME for all of us and I'll never forget you. If you're ever feeling up to it, don't be shy about coming back to the game (;

Best of luck. Our deepest thanks and blessings.

SBGODDESS AUG 31, 2020 12:00 PM REPLY

Roger, I am so happy for you. You demonstrate that your life matters! And, I am saddened for all of us in the community that experienced your scanner reports as the only true connection we have in Santa Barbara. What will we do now without you? Please write a book. You are all about the truth in an inhumane culture. You caused me to think and not judge. You made me laugh. You caused to me to be more grateful. You caused me to have compassion. You caused me to remember. You are real.
You are unpretentious. You are rare. What a big heart you gave to Santa Barbara!
Maybe you could write one last piece as a farewell...letting us hear you speak about your departure. We love your voice. And you. Today is my Roger Day.

MISSBLEU AUG 31, 2020 12:07 PM REPLY

You maybe breaking away from the scanner but I look forward to your book.
I would avoid the misuse of the word retirement. You are just embarking on another journey. Enjoy!

FORREALNEWS AUG 31, 2020 12:41 PM REPLY

What will we do without him??? I don't even know him and I feel such a profound loss. I am so glad he will retire and focus on health and wish so much love and peace. Roger, you will genuinely be missed and you provided so much to this community. Thank you sincerely! Can we have real picture of Roger so we can say a thank you if we see him around town?

FORREALNEWS AUG 31, 2020 12:41 PM REPLY

Does some of the money for the t-shirts go to Roger? If so, I will buy one.

WINTER AUG 31, 2020 12:46 PM REPLY

Oh, I am so sad...any fire, police activity, we heard it from you.
You are an amazing, funny, writer...
Please, do a book !
You could do a signing, at Chaucers, or better yet, the Underpants ! lol
Take care...lots of good wishes...

A-1598903298 AUG 31, 2020 12:48 PM REPLY

You'll be missed Roger! Where are those other commenters that listen to the scanner traffic? Hoping they'll be able to fill the void and help the community.

PAMSB AUG 31, 2020 12:48 PM REPLY

A dear friend of mine who left his business pursuits several years ago refuses to call it "retirement" but instead describes it as "repurposement." Use your talents in other ways, but don't give up your ability to make people sit up and think. You are a special breed, my friend, and you know that Bob and I are always here for you. Let us know if you need anything, just want to talk, or want me to drop by more than my usual Thanksgiving and Christmas day visits. Live long and prosper (said in a proper Vulcan voice).

> **SBSURFERLIFE** AUG 31, 2020 12:53 PM REPLY
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> Repurposement, I love this! Thanks for the new vocabulary word.

SUMMERTIME AUG 31, 2020 01:06 PM REPLY

Oh Roger, I'm in tears. I'm going to miss all the little personal stories you were so kind enough to share with us of your life growing up and continuing as an adult. Good Luck to you - let us know how you are doing....

BABYCAKES AUG 31, 2020 01:15 PM REPLY

From OurBabyNames.com: What does Roger mean?
The name Roger is of German origin.

The meaning of Roger is "famous warrior".

It is also of English origin, where its meaning is "famous spear" and French origin, where its meaning is "famous spear english and".

Roger is generally used as a boy's name.

It consists of 5 letters and 2 syllables and is pronounced Ro-ger.
The Given Name Roger
Roger is quite a chic name and a welcome find.

Want to make this name more unique? Try spell it backwards.

A sweet name that will be loved by parents.

Some famous bearers of this name include: Roger Bresnahan, Roger Cadwallador, and Roger Connor.
Roger Popularity
In the U.S. in 2018, it ranked 636 in baby name popularity for boys with 411 occurrences. Less than 5 girls were given the name.

In contrast, the year before it ranked 627 in baby name popularity for boys with 415 occurrences. Less than 5 girls were given the name.

Want to see how Roger sizes up? How it compares to some other names? Then check out the Roger Name Popularity Page.
Roger Related Names

Variants of the name Roger include Rodger.

The names Roar, Rogerio, Rogier, Rotger, Rudiger, Ruggero, Ruggiero, Rutger are all forms of Roger.

Roger has the diminutives (nicknames) Dodge, Hodge.

> **TAGDES** AUG 31, 2020 03:56 PM REPLY
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> That's not his real name is it....

SBTOWNIE AUG 31, 2020 01:28 PM REPLY

Thank you, Roger! We wish you a happy and healthy retirement! We will miss your contributions and opinions very much!

CURMUDGEON AUG 31, 2020 01:32 PM REPLY

Roger - Thank you! Well done! Bravo! Bravo! (CLAP!) (CLAP!) (CLAP!) Enjoy yourself and check in with your wonderful stories from time-to-time. Be well...

Z AUG 31, 2020 02:00 PM REPLY

Thanks big guy. Take good care of the kitty.

CHEMICALSUPERFREAK AUG 31, 2020 02:02 PM REPLY

Thank you Roger. I'll miss reading your reports and hope you stay in touch by contributing an article once in a while. Take care.

STARGIRL AUG 31, 2020 02:25 PM REPLY

We will miss you, Roger! Thanks for making this a better community.

MESAGAL AUG 31, 2020 03:00 PM REPLY

Best of everything to you, Roger. You consistently made my day with your humor and beloved misspellings, and you were the first place I'd go to find out what was going on around town, why the sirens, etc. I truly hope you find relief from pain and take comfort in knowing how many SB folks love and will miss you.

MP805 AUG 31, 2020 03:19 PM REPLY

My sincerest best wishes and thanks to you Roger for all you've done through the years here at Edhat and for the Santa Barbara community. I always came to Edhat first to hear your reports on the latest breaking news and get the real skinny. The icing on the cake have always been your scanner reports and the stories you've blessed us with over the years. Thank you for all you've done for us, take good care of yourself now and I look forward to seeing you around here...Its really not an end, just a new beginning!

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